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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-31

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S (FEMA) REQUEST FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND ACCEPT ANY AND ALL FUND PROVIDED THROUGH THIS GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the City of Willoughby Hills received information from Deputy Director Joseph Hum, Lake County Emergency Management, 8505 Garfield Road, Mentor, Ohio 44060, concerning the Request for Public Assistance (RPA) form (EXHIBIT 1) provided to local governments by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, there will be eligible expenses for the City of Willoughby Hills to claim on the Request for Public Assistance form, such as personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical equipment specific to use for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Director Hum has advised all municipalities to submit the RPA form to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) as soon as possible, despite there being no deadline currently specified and the addition of items for submission may be ongoing during this crisis; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, an email from Christen Swayer, Disaster Services Consultant 2 of the OEMA (EXHIBIT 2) provided further guidance regarding documents needed to proceed with grant application, including the initial RPA form, Letter of Appointment, State/Local Agreement, W9, and the complete PowerPoint presentation to explain the grant requirements, once again encouraging completion of the RPA now to create the City's account through the FEMA Grants Portal; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Willoughby Hills to authorize the Mayor to sign and submit the FEMA RPA and any other related documents for the reimbursement of any services and supplies provided as a result of the COVID-19 crisis and, if grant funding is approved, authorize the Mayor to accept such funding; and

WHEREAS, the federal share of the FEMA grant is 75%, and non-federal share is 25%. The 25% may, however, include reimbursements of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and consideration for donated items received by the grant recipient.

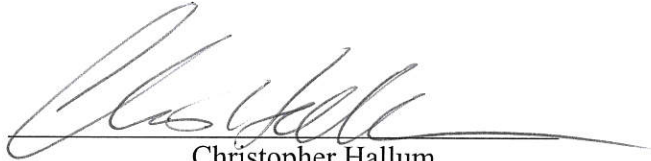
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. The Mayor shall hereby be authorized to sign and submit the FEMA RPA at his earliest convenience to ensure the supplies and services provided for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Willoughby Hills will be processed through the public assistance program.

SECTION 2. The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were conducted in lawful meetings of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure in that the same provides for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Willoughby Hills insofar as it allows the Mayor to complete the necessary documents for Federal Emergency Management Agency's Public Assistance program as a result of the COVID-19 crisis and accept funding if it becomes available for the City of Willoughby Hills; wherefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: May 28, 2020


Christopher Hallum
President of Council


Submitted to the Mayor for his approval
on this 29th day of May, 2020

Approved by the Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council

May 29, 2020


G. Andrew Gardner
Mayor